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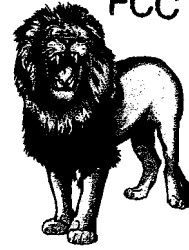
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March 25, 2012

Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communication Commission  
Attention Disability Rights Office, Room 3-B431  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Case Identifier: CGB-CC-0549

Dear Mr. Roger Holberg:

Per your request, please see the attached documentation of the Messiah Outreach Christian Family Church financial ledger summary 2011. Also we have attached an affidavit supporting the petition for close captioning exemption.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Paul Garrett".

David Paul Garrett, Pastor

# Messiah Outreach Christian Family Church



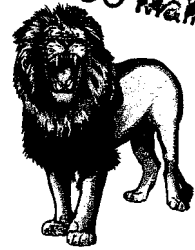
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## AFFIDAVIT

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I, Pastor David Paul Garrett, do hereby attest that the information given for the close captioning petition is true and correct.

David P. Garrett

Signature

3-29-2012

Date

MESSIAH OUTREACH CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHURCH  
CHECKING ACCOUNT LEDGER SUMMARY  
YEAR 2011

DATE	INCOME	EXPENSE	MONTHLY ACCOUNT BALANCE	MONTHLY ACCOUNT BALANCE	MONTHLY OFFERING	MONTHLY PROJECT	MONTHLY TITHES
BEG	9,132.99		0.00	9,132.99			
January	4,434.17	4,809.90	(375.73)	8,757.26	1,350.23	95.00	2,523.00
February	3,690.03	3,055.69	634.34	9,391.60	706.23	128.00	2,718.00
March	7,051.65	3,546.03	3,505.62	12,897.22	818.97	115.00	5,700.68
April	2,745.00	4,939.68	(2,194.68)	10,702.54	1,006.26	65.00	1,265.72
May	4,569.01	3,553.41	1,015.60	11,718.14	617.22	80.00	3,262.02
June	4,751.05	3,560.37	1,190.68	12,908.82	651.16	60.00	3,828.75
July	4,539.16	3,885.61	653.55	13,562.37	840.52	65.00	2,643.70
August	2,332.05	4,146.76	(1,814.71)	11,747.66	536.00	65.00	1,620.30
September	4,685.57	3,688.33	997.24	12,744.90	822.23	70.00	3,329.00
October	6,202.69	4,481.37	1,721.32	14,466.22	746.97	45.00	4,546.95
November	6,536.02	8,185.19	(1,649.17)	12,817.05	522.71	50.00	3,164.10
December	<u>3,589.29</u>	<u>3,386.37</u>	<u>202.92</u>	<u>13,019.97</u>	<u>930.22</u>	<u>55.00</u>	<u>2,489.50</u>
TOTAL	<b>\$64,258.68</b>	<b>\$51,238.71</b>	<b>\$13,019.97</b>	<b>\$13,019.97</b>	<b>\$9,548.72</b>	<b>\$893.00</b>	<b>\$37,091.72</b>

AUXILIARY NAMES	BALANCE
ADULT CHOIR	680.93
BROTHERHOOD	278.69
BUILDING FUND	702.20
LOVE IN THE POT	78.77
NURSERY FUND	269.06
PASTOR APPRECIATION	10.00
PASTOR APPR -FISH FRY	0.00
PASTOR APPR - RED LOBSTER	0.00
PASTOR APPR - PATRON BOOK	109.00
PRAISE DANCERS	161.52
PROJECT PLEDGES	2,173.70
SINGLES	18.75
SISTERHOOD	51.19
THANKSGIVING BAG FUND	50.19
USHER BOARD	100.75
YOUTH CHOIR	79.82
YOUTH DEPARTMENT	64.29
OTHER:	0.00
AVERAGE MONTHLY EXP	<u>3,853.53</u>
TOTAL	<b>\$8,682.39</b>

LEDGER BALANCE	13,019.97
AUXILIARY ACCOUNTS	<u>8,682.39</u>
AVAILABLE BALANCE 12/31/11	<b>\$4,337.58</b>

AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME	5,354.89
AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSE	<u>4,269.89</u>
	<b>\$1,085.00</b>

**TOTAL OF AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES** **\$3,853.53**

MORTGAGE	HOUSING PASTOR	ELECTRIC	GAS	WATER
635.57	1,300.00	133.55	83.00	74.61
PHONE	CREDIT	VAN FUEL	VAN INS	PROP INS
74.56	0.00	85.00	252.00	505.00
SUPPLIES	TV BROAD	MISSIONS	CHARITIES	PO& REG
314.24	250.00	50.00	0.00	35.00
REPAIRS				
61.00				



## MESSIAH OUTREACH

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December 21, 2011

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### **Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements**

The Messiah Outreach Christian Family Church, also known as Messiah Outreach, Incorporated began on October 23, 1998. It was originally located at 3960 Cusseta Road Columbus, GA 31905.

Its officers are as follows:

David Paul Garrett, Founder and President

Patricia Garrett, Treasurer

Amanda Miles, Secretary

The mission of the church is teach the undeniable Word of God, to encourage people who have no hope; to feed the hungry and be a light shining in the midst of darkness.

Our program will last 30 minutes. It will include a song and a sermon. This program is an evangelistic tool. It will allow us to reach a multicultural audience.

This program will be aired on WXTX FOX 54, a local affiliate of ABC at 6:00AM on Monday's. At this time, we do not have a production staff. The program will be recorded with a digital camcorder, using BETA tape. Members of our church, on a voluntary basis will operate the camera. We will record our Sunday Service and Wednesday Night Bible Study. The tape will be reviewed and any necessary edits will be at the discretion of our Pastor.

For the reasons set forth below, Messiah Outreach Christian Family Church hereby requests an undue burden exemption from the closed captioning rules for the Messiah Outreach Broadcast pursuant to 79.1(f) of the Commission's rules.

The close caption estimated cost is between \$100.00 - \$200.00 per episode.

As we are producing our program with a simple digital camera, we do not have the capabilities to add scrolled text to our program. The cost of the equipment needed for this task is not possible with our present budget.

Our current contract with WXTX will provide a 30 minute program for \$50.00 per episode making the cost \$200.00 for a 4 week month and \$250.00 per month for a 5 week month. As you can see the cost of adding closed captioning to our package would increase to \$250.00 per episode; thus representing a 400% increase in price. If we were unable to obtain an exemption from this cost, we would not be able to have a program aired.

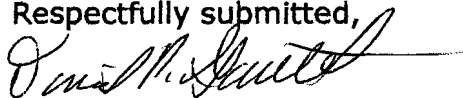
The financial structure of the ministry is based on the free will tithes and offerings received. Our expenditures are based on the normal operating cost of any business inclusive of all utilities, needed supplies and a Housing Allowance for our Pastor. An increase from the expected \$200.00 - \$250.00 to go as high as per month to \$1000.00 - \$1250.00 per month would divert funds from every activity and possibly render us unable to function as a ministry. WXTX has stated because of the discount we are receiving with our program cost that they are unable to assist with the closed captioning pricing. They advise us to file for an exemption.

Messiah Outreach is a church. Our goal is minister to people of every nationality and creed. We are currently involved with many different evangelistic programs, such as Feeding the Homeless, we train for Door to Door Witnessing, Vacation Bible School, and Ministries dedicated to strengthening of the Singles, the Brothers, the Sisters and our Youth. We are a non-profit religious organization and currently have no paid employees.

Our program is aired on one station only. We believe that the local, non-news exemption to closed captioning rules also applies to the Messiah Outreach Church Program. As noted above, the program is produced and distributed locally, and the sermons of the Messiah Outreach Christian Family Church are primarily local public interest. The episodes are not news, they do not have a repeat value, and the electronic newsroom technique is not available. Notwithstanding the applicability of the exemption, we have filed this petition in abundance of caution and for the purpose of establishing certainty.

As shown by this Petition and its attachments, the Commission should grant a waiver of the closed captioning requirements in this case, because requiring closed captioning would create an undue burden. The cost of captioning would be excessively high and would have significant impact on our operations. Our operation and financial resources are different in kind and magnitude from a mainstream programming provider. Because of the significant difficulty and expense of providing closed captions, a waiver under 79.1 (f) is warranted. If more information is needed, please contact me at the address provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Paul Garrett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pastor David Paul Garrett, Founder & President  
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